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SUBJECT: ANTIDUMPING: UK AND EC REACH UNDERSTANDING
WITH SOUTH AFRICA ON STEEL

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1. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO "SUBSTANTIAL" REDUCTIONS IN THE VOLUME OF ITS EXPORTS OF NON-ALLOY STEEL FLATS, LIGHT SECTIONS AND RE-ENFORCING BARS TO THE UK AND EC FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH. 1978. THE AMOUNT OF DECREASE WAS NOT DISCLOSED, BUT GOVERNMENT SOURCES HERE SAY IT IS CONSIDERABLE. THE SAG AGREEMENT APPARENTLY INCLUDES AN UNDERTAKING TO REDUCE EXPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS BOTH TO THE UK SPECIFICALLY AND TO THE EC AS A WHOLE.

2. AS A RESULT, THE UK DEPARTMENT OF TRADE HAS AGREED
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TO SUSPEND ITS ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATION ON IMPORTS OF THESE THREE STEEL PRODUCTS. THE PROVISIONAL UK ANTI-DUMPING DUTY OF 38 POUNDS PER TON ON RE-ENFORCING BARS FROM SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE REMOVED EFFECTIVE JUNE 10.

3. ACCORDING TO MICHAEL MEACHER, PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY FOR TRADE, THE ABOVE ACTIONS WERE TAKEN WITH

THE FULL APPROVAL OF THE BRITISH STEEL INDUSTRY, WHICH
BROUGHT THE ORIGINAL COMPLAINT. THE PRESS IN LONDON IS
INTERPRETING THE AGREEMENT AS MEANING THE END, AT LEAST
FOR NOW, OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN CAMPAIGN TO CREATE A NEW
EXPORT MARKET IN EUROPE FOR STEEL.

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